

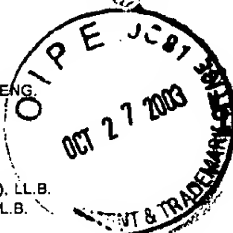
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Dear Sirs:

Enclosed please find the applicant's response to the official action mailed 12 September 2003 which is due 12 December 2003.

It is believed that the enclosed response has been timely filed in full reply to the official action. It is also believed that with the enclosed amendment, no additional claims fees are required.

If necessary, it is hereby petitioned under 37 CFR 1.136 that the response term in this application be extended to a date which includes the filing date of the present AMENDMENT.

The Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any required extension of time fees or any additional claim fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to our account number 18-1350.

Respectfully submitted,

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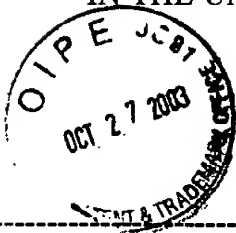
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Official Action dated September 12, 2003, the Examiner is requested to amend the above noted application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

The Examiner is requested to amend each of independent claims 1, 11 and 17 as per the following claim amendments which recite the claimed apparatus as including a pair of shuttles for supporting a foot of a user standing in a generally forward facing position thereon. No amendments to the remaining claims have been made.